

## RULE 12.1 STATE OF ILLINOIS - TIME TO ANSWER

In all civil actions in which a claim is asserted against an official, employee, or agency of the State of Illinois, the defendant shall file an answer or otherwise ~~move or~~ plead within ~~sixty~~ (60) days after service of the ~~pleading~~ **process** in which the claim is asserted.

**In prisoner civil rights cases where the plaintiff appears pro se, the answer and subsequent pleadings shall be to the issues stated in the Case Management Order accompanying the process and complaint. A defendant need not parse the complaint and respond to it. The responsive pleading shall be only to the issues stated in the court's Case Management Order issued after merit review of the complaint.**